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McGILL MAN RETURNS FROM BATTLE FRONT

Canadians Badly in Need of Reinforcements.

MUST SEND AID.

Canadian Soldiers are Second to None in This Great War.

On Saturday evening another McGill man returned from the front was interviewed by a representative of the Daily. He did not know he was being interviewed, and so we obtained a considerable amount of unadulterated information. Incidentally he is a French-Canadian.

In common with the many other McGill men whose stories have appeared in these columns, he had met many fellow students overseas, and has seen them fall for the cause without a thought to their own safety. As regards the junior officers in charge of the Canadian and English troops, he stated that most of those who went over with England's "contemptible little army" have been killed, and unfortunately those who have taken their places are in many cases unqualified for their positions. This is more or less unavoidable. In civil life they were business and professional men or students, and those who expect them to equal professional soldiers expect too much.

He stated that the need for reinforcements from Canada was imperative. On several occasions he has seen Canadian platoons taking up positions in the front line trenches very much reduced in numerical strength. Moreover, these men are forced to remain in the trenches without relief until they are completely exhausted. In England not a man of military age is to be found who is not conscripted into some branch of the service either at home or in France.

The Australians also have done wonderfully, even better than the Canadians, although we can justly claim that the men we have sent "over there" have proved themselves second to none in courage and resourcefulness. But if the Canadian army divisions are to be supported it will be necessary to send more men from Canada wihout delay, and if one of these divisions is left without support the moral effect on the whole army will be a great deal stronger than one who has not been at the front can possibly imagine.

When asked what he thought of the attitude of the French-Canadians towards the war, he expressed his opinion that their aversion to enlistment arose chiefly through ignorance of the situation. He said they did not seem to realize the seriousness of our present position, and to every argument answered with a "Mais je reste, ici." This applies chiefly to the country districts of Quebec. Those French-Canadians who have enlisted have come chiefly from the cities. When asked if he did not think the agriculturalists should be left to produce foodstuffs, he argued that the province of Quebec produces a comparatively small quantity of wheat.

In the Western provinces, where, if anywhere, the farmers should be encouraged to remain at home, whole families have sold out, and the men have gone to the war. Besides this, the small scale farming which is usually seen in this province can be done very well by substitutes, whereas women and boys can hardly be expected to handle the heavy machinery used on the great wheat fields of Western Canada.

"SING" AT THE HALL.

The attendance at last night's sing was the best for some weeks; the Reading Room was very well filled, and the men put more spirit into their singing than they have since the last mixed sing. The fire made the large room look and feel very cosy. As usual, Mr. Scott was the pianist, although Mr. McLeod officiated at the piano when the sing began. Amongst other well known hymns the following were sung: "Abide With Me," "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and "Lead Kindly Light."

The refreshments were very good, and quite plentiful. The sing was finished by the singing of the National Anthem at ten o'clock.

PROHIBITION IN U. S. A.

Although the intercollegiate organization turned over some of its men to the welfare of the nation's defenders, its regular workers gave extra time to the task of rounding up college students, who are asked to get into touch with the congressmen in their respective districts. Some months ago, by means of hundreds of petitions, resolutions, telegrams and individual letters the organized influence of the students, from coast to coast, was brought to bear on Washington for prohibition as a war measure.

WHAT'S ON.

TO-DAY.

1.00 p.m.—Meeting of Arts Undergrad. Society.
4.00 p.m.—R. V. C. Bible Study.
5.00 p.m.—Meeting Athletic Association at Union.
5.00 p.m.—Meeting of Medical Society Executive and Dinner Committee.
6.00 p.m.—Bible Study Classes.
7.00 p.m.—Hockey Practice at the Arena.
8.15 p.m.— Meeting Philosophical Society at Strathcona Hall.

COMING.

Dec. 11.—Glee Club practice at 6 p.m.
Dec. 11.—Meeting of R.V.C. Athletic Association, 1.30 p.m.
Dec. 11.—Meeting of Annual Board in R. V. C. at 7.30 p.m.
Dec. 12.—Historical Club Meeting.
Dec. 12.—Second Inter-year Debate between Sophomores and Freshmen, in R.V.C.
Dec. 18.—National vs. McGill, hockey at Arena, 10 to 11 p.m.

R.V.C. TEAMS BEAT MACDONALD COLLEGE

Both Junior and Senior Teams Are Victorious in Basketball.

Last Saturday the R. V. C. had the pleasure of playing a return match against Macdonald in their own gymnasium. All the players who had enjoyed the hospitality of the girls at Ste. Anne's were glad to welcome their opponents just before luncheon, and after having in some measure appeased their hunger (none of them ate very much, as they were afraid of not being able to play well after a heavy meal — or shall we put it down to dainty, lady-like manners?) everyone adjourned to the lower regions, where, after a little perfunctory basket shooting practice by the visiting forwards, who were unaccustomed to the strange field, the matches began.

The teams were as follows:

Macdonald Seniors.

Forwards: E. Amaron and G. Field.
Guards: A. Gardner and M. Taylor.
Centre: R. Jacques.
Wings: B. Thorn and J. Fowler.

R. V. C. Seniors.

Forwards: E. Hay and R. Goodwin.
Guards: G. Gardner and R. Rogers.
Centre: J. Spier.
Wings: G. Craig and R. Salomon.

Macdonald "Seconds."

Forwards: J. Sorley and D. Booth.
Guards: M. Magee and R. McDougal.
Centre: H. Ogilvey.
Wings: D. Campbell, A. Drennan.

R. V. C. "Seconds."

Forwards: E. Abbott and R. Contant.
Guards: K. Milligan and H. Nichol.
Centre: G. Moody.
Wings: H. Mackintosh and H. Davidson.

From the very first the games seemed to go in favour of the R. V. C., which is not altogether surprising when one considers that the girls from Macdonald are not used to having six huge padded pillars to pass around, nor are they accustomed to a ceiling so low that high passing is practically impossible. Although it may seem an anomaly, the second teams were the first to play, and at the first half time the score stood 12 all, but during the second half the R.V.C. playing improved immensely, and they managed to add 16 to their score, making it 28 against Macdonald's 13. The superiority of the R. V. C. players was even more noticeable during the second game, but their best efforts were not seen until the second half, when the score mounted rapidly in their favour, until it reached 29, with the Macdonald column totalling only 13. During both games there were a great many fouls, some of which were

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HOCKEY PRACTICE TO-NIGHT.

The following men are requested to be at the Arena, and in uniform, by 7.30 p.m. to-night:

Dooner, Lally, Whitcomb, Cully, Hughes, Beach, Kramer, Parsons, Rooney, Gallery, Behan, Anderson, Rothchild, McGillis, Birks and Robillard.

As there are only two more practices before the opening of the season, it is imperative that the men mentioned above be on hand and also on time.

COLOURS ARE DEPOSITED IN THE LIBRARY

Impressive Ceremony Conducted in Redpath Library.

COLOURS OF 148th BATT.

Principal Peterson Receives Colours on Behalf of McGill University.

The Peter Redpath Library was the scene, Saturday afternoon, of what was doubtless the most impressive ceremony which its historic walls have ever looked down upon.

During the winter of 1916 and the spring of 1917 the 148th Battalion was recruited under the command of Lt.-Col. Magee, and due to his relentless efforts, and those of his associates the Battalion reached a degree of efficiency which few regiments attain to. The 148th is affiliated with the McGill C.O.T.C., and in addition to the bonds thus created the University has no inconsiderable number of her sons enrolled in the Battalion's ranks. Therefore the gallant conduct of the 148th, in the heavy fighting in which even in the short period of its existence the regiment has been called upon to participate, has been a source of much pride to McGill.

In view of these ties of love —the love of noble men for their Alma Mater — it is not surprising that when the question arose as to where the regiment's colours should be deposited, the beloved precincts of McGill should be the choice.

Some months ago, when Capt. Graham, former chaplain of the Battalion, returned to Canada, he brought with him the regiment's colours. These colours were withheld from final deposit until such time as a sufficient number of the returned 148th officers and men could be assembled for the purpose of performing the ceremony of depositing them. And therefore Saturday, the day chosen for the delivering of the Battalion's colours over to the guardianship of the University, was the occasion for their final deposit in the Redpath Library.

At 3.15 p.m., the C.O.T.C. was drawn up in column of companies, facing south on the Campus. Five minutes later the colour party, under the command of Major Stikeman, of the 148th Battalion, preceded by the band and followed by a guard with fixed bayonets, left the C.O.T.C. Headquarters. As the party marched on to the Campus the McGill Contingent presented arms, while the colours were borne past. Up the avenue marched the colour detachment, band playing, and the gorgeous colours, rendered sacred by the tender associations which they recall to the minds of those who were spectators, straightened out before the stiff wind, proudly borne by two returned members of the 148th. Majestically the party moved up the incline leading to the Library.

Awaiting the arrival of the colours in the Library were Sir William Peterson, Dr. Gould and various local military officers. At 3.25 the doors were thrown open, and the few spectators who looked down from the gallery could not but be impressed as the colours, in the hands of their justly proud bearers, were borne forward, followed by the guard and a group of returned officers and men, whose empty sleeves and halting step spoke of grim battle-fields. "Halt." The command rang out with a clearness which, in contrast to the accustomed quiet and monotony of the building, was impressive. "Left turn" — and the party was drawn up before Sir William Peterson.

In behalf of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the 148th, Major Stikeman then stated that it was his honour to present the colours of the regiment, with the request that they be deposited and preserved as an inspiration to McGill men for time to come, and a reminder of the self-sacrifice and valour of those who had marched beneath them.

Principal Peterson, on behalf of McGill University, accepted the trust. "In the name of the University, I have a peculiar pleasure in accepting this charge." Principal Peterson then continued his brief remarks. He pointed out the sanctity of the ceremony which was being enacted, as an honour which is usually reserved for churches or cathedrals. The present is a special privilege for the reason that the 148th included in its complement many McGill men. Raised by Lt.-Col. A. A. Magee, associated with Major Eric Geddes, and Col. Starke, the regiment proceeded overseas, leaving behind them a deep impression upon the minds of McGill men. Regimental colours have from time immemorial occupied a sacred and honoured position in the hearts of men. The Romans cherished the colours most religiously, and they were invariably in close proximity to the headquarters of the regiment to whom they belonged.

After the oath had been adminis-

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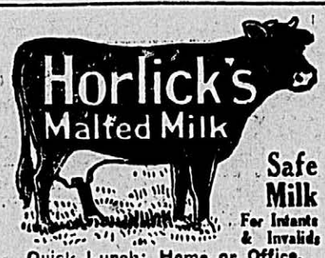

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WINTER SPORTS.

Now that the snow has presumably come to stay until next March, at least, we naturally turn our attention to a consideration of those several winter sports in which Canadians excel. The kind of Canadian winter sports is, of course, skating in general, and hockey in particular. At McGill, hockey is the only major sport which has retained its old-time place in the life of the University, and has survived the severe process of elimination caused by the war. Football as a University sport is dead for the time being, and the track has suffered the same fate, but McGill still puts a hockey team on the ice which compares most favourably with those which made her name famous in those almost forgotten times of peace, when students and professors alike turned out to cheer the team on to victory, and the captain of the hockey team was considered by his fellows as a being apart. In those days sport was encouraged, instead of discouraged, and even a position on the Daily staff was an honour not lightly conferred. Those who were here last winter will remember the Monday night hockey games and the torchlight procession to the rink, followed by a smoker at the Union, which crowned our victory over Laval. This season we have an even better team than last year, and prospects indicate the probability that McGill will come out on top in the City League, at least.

Class hockey last year did not amount to much. Many classes were unable to produce a full team even for a game, and regular practices (in most cases) were unknown. There is a possibility that we may witness a change in class hockey this season, but it does not seem likely. This is undoubtedly due in part to the poor facilities at present open to the minor teams. They must practice and play their games on the campus rink, which, being exposed to the weather, varies in quality from day to day, while the dressing rooms would make a poor ash house, and the "shower" is none too sanitary, to put it mildly. If class hockey is to be revived a new "shack" would serve as a good beginning to such a worthy movement. We may also mention in this connection that at the skating parties the R.V.C. students are expected to put on their skates in this inadequate shelter, and would no doubt appreciate an invitation very much more if suitable accommodations were provided. We venture to say also, that regular attendance at the rink would be much stimulated if new dressing rooms were erected.

Turning now to the other and less popular winter sports, Montreal is evidently favoured with a plenitude of opportunity for indulging in practically all of them. Plenty of snow is an essential factor in snow shoeing and skiing, and we are fortunate in having snow in large quantities during the months of January and February at least. We say fortunate, for even those who do not enjoy a Montreal winter must admit that as such a winter is here unavoidable, plenty of snow is much to be desired.

Mount Royal is an almost ideal place for skiing, and in its vicinity slopes are to be found suitable for skiers of every degree of dexterity. Country suitable for snowshoe tramping is to be found back of the mountain, or, better still, take a train to one of those delightful spots along the banks of the St. Lawrence between this city and St. Anne's, and you will not regret the extra trouble involved.

BIBLE CLASSES WILL ASSEMBLE TO-NIGHT

Bean Supper Will, as Usual, Prove No Small Attraction.

A large turnout is expected at the usual Monday evening bean supper at 6 o'clock sharp, in the large hall of the McGill Y.M.C.A., following which the various classes will meet in their regular rooms for Bible study. With the exception of Third Year students, these Bible groups are being appreciated, and it is hoped that the Juniors will not allow anything to interfere with their coming over to the Hall to-night. An excellent bean supper at a nominal charge of 15 cents ought to be some inducement, and still further the fact Rev. Angus D. McKenzie is giving of his time and knowledge, ought to help the Third Year students to decide to come and enjoy this programme from 6 to 7.45 p.m.

There is keen competition in numbers between the First and Second Year men, and Mr. Bradford's class of Seniors, and to-night's results will be awaited with interest.

The subject for Mr. J. Bradford's Seniors will be "The Problem of the Immigrant."

The remaining classes will continue their courses outlined. The bean supper will start at 6 o'clock sharp in order that the groups may assemble at 6.30. The committee, composed of a representative from each year, is especially requested to urge every prospective member of each year to be on hand to-night.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WILL MEET TO-NIGHT.

At the Union, in the Board Room, at 5 o'clock sharp. The following members are requested to be present:

D. C. Smelzer—President.
J. P. Fawcett—Football Representative.
R. R. Struthers—Track Representative.
S. H. O'Brien—Water Polo representative.
E. A. G. Branch—Tennis Representative.
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NEWS CONCERNING McGILL GRADS. ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Capt. D. H. Macfarlane, M.C., Sci. '17, Reported Wounded—Names of Other Graduates Appear in Casualty Lists.

Capt. D. H. Macfarlane, M.C.

Captain Donald H. Macfarlane, M.C., Sci. '17, of the Canadian Signal Companies, reported wounded, enlisted in 1915, after serving as signalling instructor at Valcartier Camp. A Sherbrooke man, he entered the University in 1913, and when the C.O.T.C. was re-organized in 1914, immediately entered it as an N.C.O. Before long his services as a signalling instructor were in demand, since he was a qualified lieutenant in the militia, and he was promoted to the commissioned ranks. He went overseas with the Signallers, and has been for over two years at the front. A year ago he was awarded the Military Cross. Capt. Macfarlane was formerly military editor of McGill Daily, and also an officer of the Science Undergraduate Society.

Lieut. J. P. McRae.

Lieut. Joseph Percy McRae, Sci. '12, of the Royal Flying Corps, reported missing, enlisted in 1915 with the Canadian Army Service Corps, and served in France for some months with that branch of the service, being transferred last summer to the R. F. C. He was a member of the Students' Council at McGill, and his wife resides at 50 Park Avenue, Ottawa.

Lieut. G. H. Fletcher, Arts '11, recently reported wounded, has severe wounds in the thigh.

Lieut. O. S. Craik, Arts '18, is suffering from severe wounds in the foot and face.

Major J. G. W. Johnson, Med. '04, on duty in Macedonia, with a Canadian hospital, has been mentioned in despatches for the second time.

Frank L. Packard, Sci. '97, has just issued from the press "The Sin That Was His," a story of rural Quebec.

Frank B. Common, M.A., Arts '13, Law '17, president of the Students' Council in 1916-17, and the holder of a host of other undergraduate offices during his extended college career, has been accepted as a cadet in the Royal Flying Corps, and expects to leave Montreal very shortly to commence his training. Mr. Common has one brother, Corporal W. C. Common, a prisoner in Germany, and a second brother, Second Lieut. J. S. Common, Dent. '18, with the Royal Flying Corps.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Robertson, Med. '97, has been appointed to command the I.O.D.E. Hospital, Hyde Park Place, London.

Major T. S. Morrisey, D.S.O., past student, has been appointed General Staff Officer at Canadian Headquarters.

Tempt. Lieut. R. N. Hickson, Arts '01, who won the Military Medal while serving in the ranks of the Canadian Artillery, has just been transferred back to the Artillery after serving for some time with the Forestry Corps.

The appointment of Temp. Capt. W. C. Nicholson, Law '15, to the rank of captain in the Canadian Machine Gun Corps, has recently been gazetted. Capt. Nicholson was recently wounded.

Acting Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Osler, Sci. '04, has recently been appointed to the full rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Canadian Engineers.

Lieut. Percy Booth, Arch. '16, serving overseas with the Canadian Forestry Corps, has been promoted an adjutant. Lieut. Booth, who was, while a student, an officer in the C.O.T.C., went overseas wih the 224th Battalion.

Harold Labelle, Arch. '17, has enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps as a cadet, and has entered upon his training at Toronto.

The marriage was solemnized at St. Luke's Church, Waterloo, Que., on December 1st, of Allan Lindsay Clark, Sci. '17, son of William Clark, Victoria, B.C., and Marjorie Alice, daughter of Howard S. Hulburt, Waterloo. The groom was graduated in Mechanical Engineering last spring. He was vice-president of the Students' Union, and a well-known English Rugby player while at the University.

Capt. John Ogilvie Hastings, past student, who served at the front with the First Canadian Division, was on December 1st, united in marriage at St. George's Church, Montreal, to Miss Hazel Marguerite Ekers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ekers.

Lieut. G. H. H. Eadie, past student, son of Mrs. G. W. Eadie, Peel Street, Montreal, who was overseas with the 73rd Battalion, and who was wounded last March, has returned to Canada.

From information received by his parents, it appears that Lieut. Henry S. Fry, Arts '14, who was recently reported wounded, is improving in a London hospital.

Press despatches state that Lieut. L. B. Rochester, Sci. '17, overseas with the Canadian Forestry Corps, has been gazetted a flying officer in the Royal Flying Corps.

Capt. Walter Mingie.

Word has been received by Mrs. Mingie, of 23 Maple Avenue, Point St. Charles, that her son, Captain Walter J. E. Mingie, received a slight flesh wound on November 14th, and that he will be able to rejoin his unit in a short time. Captain Mingie, who graduated in medicine from McGill in 1915, went overseas as medical officer to a Western cavalry unit. He is twenty-five years of age. His brother, Captain F. H. Mingie, went overseas with a Grenadier Guards unit from Montreal as a lieutenant, and was promoted to his captaincy a short time ago. He has also been wounded, and has had trench fever. The elder brother of the two officers, the Rev. G. W. Mingie, of the Lord's Day Alliance, resides at 142 Bourgeois street.

"J'AI DE BON TABAK."

Every poilu at the front has, or may have, his marraine or godmother, who may be as fair and kind and young as you please. What more natural, therefore, than for every nurse at the front (or not so far behind it) to have a godfather who may be as rich and generous as you please. There is an American girl (we will call her Susanna), who is a nurse in France, really about as close to the front as they get, and she has a godfather who is a Brazilian, frightfully rich and of a generosity simply magnificent. He sends her letters and — presents — wonderful presents. Cigarettes particularly. For at the front or near one must have tobacco if one is a soldier, and if one is a nurse the tobacco must be cigarette. If you do not smoke them yourself your patients will, and if you only smoke a little your patients will smoke the rest. And if they are the choicest Havana — well, perhaps you don't know what a horrid fag they use for tobacco Over There.

I knew a girl once who smoked Dukes' Mixture and rolled her own. She was on the stage, and she got to be a rather celebrated actress. But I knew her in the country—down on Long Island—and we used to walk across the fields, and when we got tired walking, sit down on a bank or perch on a fence-rail, and she'd roll 'em and smoke 'em. She used to offer to roll them for me—because I never could. And I tried it once. But after that I smoked the regular cigarettes I carried in my case. There was a lot of difference. And there is a lot more difference between the poilu's fag and the choicest Havana that the Brazilian godfather sends to Susanna. I know because I have tried both. You see, I got to be Susanna's patient, after that Boche winged me, and I just managed to make a landing inside our lines instead of inside theirs. Which is another story entirely.

Susanna says that the trouble with her as a nurse is that she has pets. It is unprofessional and wrong, of course. A nurse should be the same to everybody. But Susanna is Susanna. And she never is the same. If she were she would not be Susanna. She said she gave me godfather's cigarettes because I missed getting the Croix de Guerre, by letting the Boche wing me instead of my winging the Boche. And because she knew I would get the Croix next time. And she gave godfather's cigarettes to the little Frenchman in the next bed because he had got the Cross, and to the Boche in the next bed but one, because it was such a pity for anybody to be a Boche. And to the other fellows for various good reasons, all different.

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I asked Susanna how she happened to have a rich Brazilian godfather. And she laughed and said she advertised for him, like this:

"Nurse, young blond, American, would like to correspond with rich, kind godfather."

The Brazilian answered the advertisement. He sent his picture, which was very imposing (Susanna showed it to me), and he wrote in a fine hidalgo style to the general effect that the young beautiful blond American, who was Angelically nursing the gallant heroes of fair France, might command his fortune and his life, and that he had the honor to profess himself already her devoted humble servant and godfather. It

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW.

The first ice practice of the hockey squad was held at the Arena on Monday evening. Almost every position on the team was contested by several men, and the practice was on the whole most encouraging.

Tuesday evening was the occasion for the holding of the Annual Medical Freshman-Sophomore dinner. The scene of the function was Freeman's Hotel. About two hundred students were in attendance, and a very excellent programme was provided.

Wednesday afternoon Sir Herbert Ames addressed members of the student body in the Union Hall upon the aims and constitution of the Win-the-War Club.

The R. V. C. basketball team journeyed to Macdonald College on Wednesday to play the Macdonald girls. Two teams, representing the first and seconds of the R. V. C., made the trip. The first team succeeded in carrying off the honours, but the junior aggregation were defeated in a very close game.

The initial Orchestral Concert to be given this year by the students of the McGill Conservatorium of Music, was held in the Assembly Hall of the Royal Victoria College, Thursday evening. The concert proved a huge success, and much talent was displayed by the various participants in the programme.

The second practice of the senior hockey team was held at the Arena on Thursday evening. About thirty men turned out, and some good, fast hockey was indulged in.

The fourth important social event of the year took place Friday night, in the form of an Arts Undergraduate Society Smoker. About a hundred Arts men were in attendance, including Dean Moyse and several other members of the faculty. Smokes and eatables were abundant, and the programme reflected great credit upon the Social Executive of the Society.

The Medical Undergraduate Society held their fortnightly meeting. Dr. Shepherd was the speaker of the occasion, the topic of the address being "Skin Disease."

Under the auspices of the Partial Students' Society of the R.V.C., a tea and sale was held on Saturday afternoon from 4.00 to 6.30, in aid of the University Settlement. In spite of the inclement weather and the fact that the C.O.T.C. drill kept many students from attending, the affair was a success in every way, and a considerable sum was realized.

R.V.C. TEAMS BEAT MACDONALD COLLEGE.

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double, but it is an ill wind which blows nobody any good, and these little minutes of repose were thankfully accepted by the panting, gasping players. The games thus over, the Macdonaldites wended their way homewards, but we hope that next year we may have the pleasure of beating them again.

ARTS UNDERGRAD.

A regular meeting of the Arts Undergraduate Society will be held in the Arts Building to-day, at 1 p.m.

IN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

I.

A Coloured Republic.

(By D. W. Drew, M.L.A., in the "Cape Times.")

Some twenty Parliamentarians, shivering in an easterly wind, greeted each other on the De Aar platform between eight and nine o'clock on the evening of Saturday, July 23. The place was the starting point for a visit to the late German Protectorate, kindly arranged for us by the local Administration, in conjunction with the railway authorities of the Union. The invitations, conveyed hurriedly by telegram, stated with the bluntness incidental to such medium of communication, that while the S. A. R. would provide a special train free of charge, each tourist would have to draw on his own pocket for whatever he might consume in the way of meat and drink. We learned afterwards that the Protectorate Administration had been desirous of making us its guests in the full sense of the word, but that the Union Government had restricted the proposed hospitality, fearing, perhaps, a discussion on the Estimates raised by members who were unable to come. Though we paid, the Railway Department gave us abundant value for our money. Everything was of the best quality, the attendance perfect, and prices no higher than on ordinary trains. We agreed at the end of the trip that we had been spoilt for future travelling. Sir Thomas Watt, who was of our party, opined, amid the general applause, that the best chef and the ablest chief steward on the entire railways must have been selected to cater for us.

It was not only our bodily wants that the authorities thought of. They made our journey bright and informing by obtaining for us the company of a number of experts and Government officials, each in his own department a specialist on the country which we were to visit. Members of Parliament who have passed two sessions together, though they may be good friends enough outside the party arena, pretty well know each other's possibilities. We were glad to see new faces, as well as to be guided ed by short cuts to the knowledge we wanted. Excellent fellows we found these officials. I hope it does not detract from their dignity if I add that in off-hours they seemed to get no less enjoyment out of a cigar and a hand at bridge than some of the legislators. A railway journey of about 3,000 miles in three weeks, and in which all the stops are occasions for strenuous sightseeing, calls for some relaxation. An attention which we specially appreciated was that shown to us by no less a person than the Administrator, Mr. Gorges. He met us at De Aar, and accompanied our journeying through Upington and round by Luderitzbucht, until we reached Windhuk. There he had to remain, both for administrative reasons and that he might receive further Parliamentary guests—a trio so distinguished as Mr. Merriman, Sir Thomas Smartt, and Mr. Jagger, who were coming after us. Colonel More, the head of the Protectorate Railways, was able to stick by us until, with our return to Windhuk, the trip was virtually accomplished. Like the Administrator, he made himself the friend of everyone of the visitors. Under his eye the running of the train,

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There was a Battalion parade of the McGill C.O.T.C. on the Campus on Saturday afternoon. As soon as the men had fallen in, even before the roll had been called, the men paraded for rifles, and then formed up in column of companies, facing Sherbrooke street. The men presented arms as the unfurled colours of the 148th Battalion, escorted by returned officers and men of the 148th, were carried past on their way to the Redpath Library.

Due to the cold weather, the rifles were put away in the Molson Hall Armoury, and then the roll was called. After this, the Battalion held a route march along Sherbrooke St. East, as far as St. Denis, up St. Denis to Prince Arthur St., and along Prince Arthur, Durocher and Milton Streets to the Campus. The parade was dismissed at 4.30 p.m.

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A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

Election of Faculty representatives to the Students' Council. K. P. Tsolainos, T. P. Dillon, W. H. Schiedel and Harry Pitts were elected. R. J. Clarke alleges bribery and corruption in Arts election.

Schedule of the Hockey Club was drawn up. Loyola joined the league.

Provincial Basketball League drew up schedule in the Union.

Dr. S. Leacock proposed that silver coins be replaced by nickel coins.

Dr. Colby lectured at the R. V. C. on "The Relations of Mesopotamia to the Great War."

COLOURS ARE DEPOSITED IN THE LIBRARY.

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tered and the warriors had gone forth, the colours were sacredly preserved. "We are proud of what the 148th Battalion, in its brief but interesting history has accomplished. Our deepest sympathy is with those of its members who have encountered misfortune, and we trust that after this war they will be restored to civil life. This struggle has called for the best that is in man, and the best that is in McGill. After all, it is only through service and sacrifice that the individual will find salvation."

The colour party was then given the command about turn, and the guard presented arms. The band played "God Save the King," while the officers stood at the salute. The colour party then wheeled about and the colours were handed to Dr. Gould and Capt. Simpson who, in behalf of the University, received them, and bore them to the place of their final deposit.

In accepting the colors on behalf of the University, Principal Peterson stated that it was a pleasure to him to know that there were several senior officers present to witness the solemn declaration which he thereby made to preserve the charge entrusted.

The body then formed and marched from the building, amid the applause of those privileged to witness the ceremony.

A few minutes and then the customary quiet of the place was again restored, and things resumed their usual tenor, except for an occasional glance which wandering from the books of industrious readers rested upon the two flags hanging from their fastenings above the clock. The entire ceremony had probably occupied less than fifteen minues, and yet we feel sure no person who had witnessed the scene left the building without being deeply impressed.

The colour party, under the command of Major H. Stikeman, was composed of Lieut. J. Eric Slessor, Arts '18, and Lieut. Blaiklock. The colours were handed over by Capt. Gilmour and Capt. Graham, while Dr. Gould and Capt. Simpson received them on behalf of the University.

IN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

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both on the broad gauge and afterwards on the two-foot line of the north, proceeded with wonderful smoothness and regularity. We modestly attributed it to his continued presence, that, after the Administrator had left, we still had the compliment of being welcomed by a guard of honour at the principal stations where the train stopped. The turn-out consisted always of the local detachment of the Union regular corps or else the mounted constabulary. Very fit and workmanlike the men look. Usually they formed up with some Government building (bearing the Kaiser's arms) in the background, a juxtaposition which our party, I think, even the Nationalists—found by no means ill-pleasing.

After the foregoing preface I must invert the order in which a traveller usually sketches his experiences, and put the last episode first. I do so because it contains news, the giving ing of which to the public ought not to be delayed. Some readers may have seen the brief Reuter account stating that Mr. Schreiner and I, on the return journey, left our party at Rehoboth, being welcomed there by a party of about 70 armed and mounted Bastards. We knew that these people were of the same type as the Cape coloured folk who are to be met with in many parts of the Union, and that they belong to a community which, in the indefinite past, has trekked in from across the Orange River. This, at the time, was about all we did know. As it happened, a little-known and most interesting chapter of South African history, with a climax belonging to the present war, was about to be unrolled to our eyes.

An Independent Nation.

The headquarters of the Rehoboth district, a village of about 1,000 inhabitants, stands at a distance of six or seven miles from the railway, with which is connected by a light 2ft. line. The rolling stock at present consists of a trolley drawn by mules. Having taken our seats in this vehicle, we observed that our escort had formed into two troops, one on either side. But riding immediately behind us there was a smaller body of about a dozen, better dressed than the others, and not encumbered with rifles. These, we learned, were the members of the Bastard Volksraad, an elective body modelled somewhat upon the Volksraads of the old Boer Republics. Among them was their Vice-President, or rather, Acting Captain, Albert Mouton. The Captain, Cornelis van Wyk, was ill at the time, and absent on his farm, some 80 miles distant. He is head of the burghers, both in peace and on commando. In his military duties he is assisted by two others, who, with him, make up the Captain's Council. Among the Raadsleden, there rode also Samuel Beukes, Chairman of the Volksraad and Magistrate. He presides over the civil causes between burghers, upon which he decides according to the special laws of the Bastards.

We found that the Kaiser had recognized their code by treaty, as well as their territorial and other rights. In cases, however, where Europeans were involved, a representative of the Crown took a seat on the Bench. This practice, more or less, is being followed under the present Administration. The names of the Raadsleden, among whom may be further cited those of Cloete, de Klerck, and Olivier, indicate the Dutch character of this people's ancestry on the European side. It should be mentioned that the general appellation of Bastards in one which they do not entirely deserve, since a number of families among them derive their European blood, though at the remove of several generations, by legal marriage. We found the Scottish strain represented in the person of one Malcolm McNab, but the name, as he pronounced it, would hardly be recognizable by a Scot. We were told of a burgher carrying the undoubtedly English surname of Thwaites. Further inquiry would probably reveal that a number of European races have had some share in the paternity of this people.

The company riding alongside us, sitting easily in their saddles the while—some of them mounted on blood horses — looked a hardy lot. They were cantering over their own ground, divided among them in farms of about 7,000 morgen, and covering an area, as nearly as I could learn, of 100 miles by 100. The district includes some of the best stocked country in the Protectorate. It is grass land, diversified with bush, and showing in places parks of kameeldoorn. The plains roll away to magnificent mountains, the tall krantzes of which thrust jaggedly into the northern and eastern sky line. Both men and beast seem to be troubled in this district by practically no disease, except a summer malaria. But of this the Bastards make little, saying that they easily cure it with quinine and castor oil. Their country lies a few leagues to the south of Windhuk, and has an average elevation above sea of between 4,000 and 5,000 feet. All the livestock that we saw in it looked fat and healthy. Its rivers, like those of the Union, are dry except during the rains, but water can be got in many places at a short depth by boring. From these particulars the generally desirable character of the district will be apparent.

A Successful Trek.

The story of the departure of the Bastards from their abodes in the Cape Colony reads in some ways like a passage out of Exodus. They seem about 50 years ago to have become somewhat numerous in the Kenhardt district. Their life amongst the Dutch farmers was not of the happiest; some of the older people, when asked the reason of their trek, gave it in the laconic phrase: "Gepak deur de Boere." As they had gathered flocks and herds they were able to be a self-sustaining community, and they sought relief by a scheme of segregation. They negotiated with the Governor for the purchase of a considerable tract of land whereon to make a settlement, but it appeared when the arrangements were almost completed that their effort to anticipate the coloured policy of a modern Afrikander Government was by no means popular with the Boers around them. A mass meeting of Boers and Bastards took place, at which the Europeans employed bitter language. One old Boer went so far as to say that a colony of Bastards would be "a curse to the country." Thereupon the Bastards indignantly left the meeting in a body, and proceeded to organize their trek. They crossed the Orange River at Pella, and made northwards into the wilderness, having no clear idea where they might find a country to dwell in. Owing to the scarcity of supplies of water obtainable along their route, they did not proceed in one large body, but in groups of a few wagons at a time; neither did they leave a waterhole until word came back from their scouts ahead as to where the next was to be found. No hostile tribes molested their march; they were to have wars enough, but those came later.

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ANNUAL BOARD TO MEET.

There will be a meeting of the '19 Annual Board to-morrow evening, at 7.30 p.m., in the R. V. C. All members are requested to be present, as most important business is to be transacted.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

There will be a meeting of the Philosophical Society this evening at 8.15 p.m., at the Strathcona Hall. R. J. Clark. B.A., will read a paper on Hume's "Dialogue on Natural Religion."

All students interested are invited to be present. An instructive and entertaining evening is confidently anticipated.

R. V. C. NOTES.

Remember the Bible Study Class to be held this afternoon, at 4 o'clock in Room 2 of the R. V. C. All are invited to attend.

It is hoped to raise a small fund in the College to relieve the sufferers in Halifax. The money will be administered through some of our graduates at Halifax. Contributions will be most gratefully received by Miss Brenda Macdonald, Miss S. Cameron, or the Secretary.

PARTIAL TEA AND SALE.

The tea and sale held under the auspices of the Partial Society on Saturday afternoon, in aid of the University Settlement, was well patronized by students and friends. The room was tastefully decorated in red and white, and red carnations were put on the tea tables.

The tables of home-made cakes, candies and preserves were greatly appreciated, as was testified by the rapidity with which the supplies were sold. It is expected that the proceeds will amount to about one hundred dollars.

Towards the end of the afternoon, Miss Hall made a short speech, outlining the Settlement's aims and ideals. The Settlement movement is a very recent one, having been begun only about 25 years ago. The underlying idea is that people of more fortunate circumstances should live in the neighbourhood of the less fortunate and try to make themselves useful in any way.

Our University Settlement was founded six years ago by a small group, including several graduates of the R. V. C. It is in the centre of a foreign district, among Chinese, Russians, Italians and other foreigners. The Settlement has developed a flourishing milk station, a kindergarten, a library and 33 clubs for boys and girls. There is one Mothers' Club. There was once a Fathers' Club, but practically all its members are now at the front.

Miss Hall made a plea for voluntary helpers, and suggested several lines in which Partials might help, such as assisting in the kindergarten, giving English lessons to foreign women and girls, and helping in the library. Special volunteers, were asked for to go down during this week to decorate the building for Christmas. It is hoped that this appeal will meet with a liberal response.

FOUND.

At Arts Smoker, a case for a cigarette holder. Owner can have same by applying to Mr. Culyer, at the Union.

"J'AI DE BON TABAK."

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was a beautiful letter, Susanna said. And she answered it, beginning, "Dear Godfather," and ending "Your dutiful godchild," and mentioning somewhere in between that she adored cigarettes, and that her poor, wounded poilus also adored cigarettes, and that there weren't any.

Then godfather's bundle arrived, and not a small one at that; but one containing many comforts for the soldiers, luxurious things that one does not see in hospitals in the war zone, and that Susanna gave to her pets in defiance of all the doctors' orders, and in contravention of all rules and regulations. And godfather announced that he was going to back an American horse, and he had promised to put a little on one for her, too. And he was sure to win, and the spoils would be devoted to the Patients' Protective Fund piously devoted to giving us things the doctors said we should not have, but that were good for us all the same, and made us get well lots faster, or if we didn't, helped us a lot to stick it out till we did get well.

I don't know the name of the horse (I'm not sure Susanna knew), and I don't know whether he won. But I do know that godfather said he won, and that the Fund got the benefit—and us. I have heard rumors that there is to be something special for Thanksgiving for all the Americans in the hospital who are able to take any sort of notice. And the rest who are not Americans—that's most of us—are to have something equally special because it is the American custom to celebrate the day, and because an American horse won a race way over in Spain, where King Alfonso is conserving the sporting tradition for the duration of the war—everybody outside of Spain being busy with other matters.

Susanna says it's a good thing, too. Because there are no end of jolly things that the world cannot afford to lose, and that the world will be mighty glad to have back again after the war. And unless somebody takes 'em off somewhere in a quiet corner and takes care of them they won't be there to be had back. So King Alfonso was taking care of a few such things, she said, and it was about the best job there was left nowadays for a king, anyway

She went on to explain that godfather and Alfonso were great friends. In fact, she rather fancied godfather was Alfonso's godfather, too, in a way. And that came very near ranking her with Royalty. As if any other rank would do for Susanna! Though, if one had strafed his Boche and had won his cross, and if one weren't flat on his back, one might—but, what's the good of it's?

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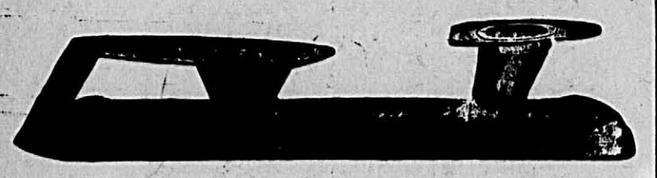

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POOR PA-RENT!

Frosh: And you really make a living by writing?

Junior: Yes, by writing father.

CHICKEN DRESSING.

Dora: Can you dress within your income?

Ethel: Yes, but its like dressing in an upper berth.

A sleeper is one who sleeps. A sleeper is that in which a sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper on the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleep for the sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

Are you still awake?

RELICS OF A LOST RACE.

Mudhorse, 8—1.

SHOP TALK.

Senior: I'm going down town this morning.

Sophette: Shopping, my dear?

Senior: No, I haven't time for that; just to buy some things that I need.

GOING DOWN.

Gabe: "He claims he is a descendant from a great family."

Steve: "Yes, and he is still descending."

MOONY.

It was at the seashore, and they were sitting on the beach while the moon shone on the surging waves. "What effect does the full moon have upon the tide?" she asked, sweetly. "None," he replied, as he drew closer to her, "but it has considerable effect upon the un-tied."

EXAM. ANSWERS.

A subaltern is one who has position but no magnitude.

A trench is that which has length, breadth and stickiness.

A soldier equal to a Tommy is equal to anything.

An observer and a pilot who are in the same line, meet in the same place.

If things are double the price of the same thing obtainable elsewhere, it is a war office contract.

INCONSISTENCY.

All the world's a stage,
And so it seems quite funny
That folks should rant and rage
If we hand to them stage money.

RATHER A HINDRANCE.

A student the other day denied that Bunyan was the author of "Pilgrim's Progress." Being contradicted, he continued:

"'I question if he even contributed to the work; for it is impossible that a bunion could contribute to any pilgrim's progress."

FAMOUS POLES.

Barber's —— May —— ——ar bear —— tax Kosciusko.

SO SAD.

"You look annoyed. What's the matter?"

"Bertha told me a secret the other day, and I can't tell you what it is."

"Why not?"

"I've forgotten it."

WAYFARERS.

On a Road in Macedonia.

They come from beyond the hills on little asses or hill-ponies, loaded with merchandise. Maybe they come from another world altogether; at least, out of a forgotten century.

Here is one—a typical Greek vendor of some stuff or other— jogging along on a stripling of a pony. He wears a blue embroidered waistcoat over a fancy shirt, a vivid red sash about the waist, a short immodest skirt of paler blue, and blue puttees with a patterned border. His face is of an aquiline severity, noble and swarthy, and imperturbable, with eyes as steadfast as the hills they survey. Altogether he is a proud, erect fellow, very well pleased with himself and the pony, and scarcely condescends to notice the dusty English Tommy watching him inquisitively from the broad shadow of a sun helmet.

After all, why should he? Obviously he has great business with the city of minarets in the plain, for he is perched on a dromedary's hump of merchandise in a manner that makes one think whimsically of Sancho on his charger, of Balaam on his ass, of all the little mules and asses one meets in Aesop and the Arabian Nights. All one can see of the patient beast beneath are a disconsolate head, four scanty legs with diminutive hoofs that tread the road delicately, and an equally disconsolate tail.

. . . .

Anon he is followed by Mrs. Greek, poised superbly on a negligible donkey which stumbles over the ground in a manner pitiable to watch. She is astraddle, of course, and, like her Western sisters of Rotten Row, wears something approximating to divided skirts. She holds herself proudly withal, and also has much business afoot — as witness the bulging panniers on either flank. May success attend her labours.

Next, one passes a party of Turks returning from road-mending. They display for the most part black vestcoats and pantaloons narrowing to the ankle, with a broad red sash at the waist to match the inevitable fez; or, instead of trousers, they have baggy knickers that sag capaciously behind. In feature they are somewhat fuller and coarser than our friend the Greek, while here and there one detects a williness in the eye, a cynical twist of the lips, a certain hang-dog listnessness that do not ingratiate. Still, a couple of the taller and finer-built among this straggling troupe sing pleasantly in an undertone as they amble along.

Only the other morning, too, a couple of Turkish women passed us on this road, and we could not but associate them with certain harem-ladies one encounters in ballets like "Sheherazade" and "Sumurum." They came suddenly out of nowhere, trailing behind them all the glamour of the East. . . . Well, whatever they trailed behind them, it certainly was not a skirt, for they wore instead ample trousers of a light flowered fabric, secured at the ankle by a circlet. A mantle of the same fragile stuff covered head and shoulders, being wound round the body like a mantua. They walked with bodies erect and balanced, as though bearing on the head earthern water-vessels, and were happily oblivious to the animated comments of our khaki crowd, who found them, I am afraid, a somewhat startling diversion. Of course, they may be devoutly monogamous spouses, and heaven forbid that I, an unseeing infidel, should sully their immemorial names. I speak of harem ladies merely to enable you to fix the picture.

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